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Coast Guard modifies San Diego Bay traffic restrictions

New Naval Vessel Protective Zone requirements are in effect

SAN DIEGO – Last week's Coast Guard restrictions on all vessels entering San Diego Bay are no longer in effect. Unless otherwise directed, vessels may enter San Diego Bay without obtaining specific Coast Guard clearance.

The newly implemented Naval Protective Zones are being strictly enforced.

Boaters operating in San Diego Bay should not approach any Navy or Coast Guard vessel or facility and should operate at moderate speeds only.

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The Naval Vessel Protective Zones being enforced in San Diego Bay prohibit any vessel from coming within 100 yards of any naval vessel. Within 500 yards, vessels may only proceed at minimum speed.

Details on these zone requirements are available online at www.uscg.mil/pacarea/pcp.

The Coast Guard will broadcast any changes to the vessel traffic restrictions on marine radio channel 16. All boaters are urged to continuously monitor channel 16 while underway. Information regarding these restrictions is posted at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Diego web site, www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso. The public may direct questions to the Coast Guard's local Public Affairs Office at (619) 683-6322.

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